

## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for March 2014

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

**The Impact of IRR on SGLI—Know the Facts:** Are you a service member who has been recently assigned to the Individual Ready Reserves (IRR)? Then there's important insurance information you need to know. Your Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage will end 120 days after the date you were assigned to the IRR. The good news is you can get similar coverage through Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI). But you must apply within 1 year and 120 days from the date you were assigned to the Individual Ready Reserves (IRR). If you apply for VGLI within the first 240 days of your assignment to the IRR, then you can get VGLI without providing proof of good health—even if you have a serious injury or medical condition. To apply for VGLI, visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/apply-for-VGLI.asp>.

**Automation Speeds Benefits Processing for Post-9/11 GI Bill Students:** *Students see improvement in turn-around time for education claims;* WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) decreased the time it takes to process requests for GI Bill benefits for returning students by nearly 50 percent compared to fiscal year 2012. VA attributes the faster process in large part to improved claims automation that uses rules-based, industry-standard technologies to deliver Veterans' benefits. Visit the following link for the entire presser: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2515>

**Federal Agencies Partner to Protect Veterans, Service Members and their Families Using GI Bill Education Benefits:** *New Online Complaint System Empowers Students, Strengthens Enforcement;* WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, Education and Justice, along with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission announced today the launch of a new online complaint system designed to collect feedback from veterans, service members and their families who are experiencing problems with educational institutions receiving funding from Federal military and veterans educational benefits programs, including benefits programs provided by the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the DoD Military Tuition Assistance Program. Visit the following link for the entire presser: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2516>

**Bill #S01199** - Provides authorization to grant certain school tax exemptions to eligible veterans where such exemption is adopted by the governing body of the school district. You can let your school districts know you are interested in them participating. They may do it automatically, but it is recommended to speak to them one on one i.e. at a board meeting. If they do approve the exemption you do not have to apply if you are presently receiving a Veteran's Property Tax Exemption.